

**Tuesdays with Tammy Nevada Libraries Forum**  
from  
**Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records**  
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday  
April 7, 2020

**Notes**

Attending: Tammy Westergard, Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Kelly Robertson, Betts Markle, NSLAPR; Liz Moore, NV State Archives; Courtney Oberhansli, Mineral County; Jeff Scott, Joan Dalusung, Denise Viss, Washoe County; Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County; Marcie Smedley, Henderson; Carol Lloyd, Churchill County; Amy Dodson, Douglas County; Tod Colegrove, Amy Lauder, Carson City; Amy Geddes, Lyon County; Forrest Lewis, North Las Vegas; Kathy Brinkerhoff, Pershing County; Jeanne Bleecker and Andrea Madziarek, Smoky Valley; Leslie Scott, Amargosa Valley; Cyndi O, NV Library CoOp; Holly Esposito, Washoe County School District; Anna Brueher, Lyon Co. School District; Pamela Bidart, Humboldt Co. School District; Mary Schultz, UNR Medical Library; Caprice Roberson, CSN; Eric Walsh, Great Basin College; Maggie Farrell, UNLV; David Ortlipp; Nancy Schmidt, Kim Peterson, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Randi Hunewill, SCLL members.



## **WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING RIGHT NOW**



### **Strengths:**

- Libraries stepping up to help – using 3D printers and laser cutters to make personal protective equipment
- Libraries connecting resources with people who need them – providing library resources to businesses
- Libraries making wi-fi freely available 24/7
- Libraries providing digital library cards to all who need them, even those with blocked accounts
- Libraries prominently featuring online resources on their websites
- Libraries offering virtual story times



### **Struggles:**

- Difficulty sorting through the overwhelming amount of tools and resources now available
- Trying to discern which newly available tools and resources are worthwhile to add
- Figuring out the best ways to handle summer reading programs this year
- Budget cuts on the horizon



## Opportunities

- The overwhelming amount of tools and resources now available
- Good time to try new resources when many vendors are offering free products
- Libraries have resources that people need – wi-fi, online resources, ebooks and movies
- Libraries have Beanstack which will help with virtual programming



## Trends

- Best practices for cleaning and sanitizing facilities and returned library materials
- Thoughts about reopening libraries – how will it look?
- How will libraries and library services be different going forward?

Best practices for libraries during closure – suggestions gleaned from various sources were shared including making wi-fi as freely available as possible and updating library websites to focus on online resources – things that most Nevada libraries are already doing. Norma Fowler mentioned the Douglas County library as an example of a library exemplifying these practices. Other things on the Powerpoint slide that were not specifically mentioned included working with ILS providers to change search results so that online resources come up first (rather than physical materials that users can't access); issuing digital library cards and allowing library users with blocked cards to get digital cards; suspending fines; and negotiating with vendors for remote access, for example *Ancestry*.

Library reopening – in the same way that libraries closed in a gradual manner, reopening will likely be much the same with future closures being a strong possibility. This is a good time for libraries to consider their continuity of operations plans and to think about the possible stages of reopening. The Wyoming State Library shared a document (compiled by the New Mexico State Library) which has a good outline: <https://library.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Staged-Reopening-Plan.pdf>

Pandemic side effects and after effects – There will be economic impacts from the pandemic as well as social impacts. Sulin shared a Reuters article saying that Nevada will be the second hardest hit state economically (after Florida), and libraries are already expecting budget cuts. The State has directed agencies to begin identifying budget cuts. Tammy shared a brief update about the IMLS portion of the CARES Act (\$50 million). She expects that it will not be distributed to the states on a formula basis, but plans have not yet been finalized by IMLS. It is expected that a second phase of the CARES Act will include additional funds for IMLS including funds for capital projects. Tammy will let the libraries know as she gets additional information.

Summer Reading – We know that libraries are beginning to think about ways that their summer programming will be affected. We will set up a Zoom meeting next week for everyone involved in planning summer reading programs to brainstorm and share ideas. Jeff Scott shared that Washoe youth services staff had signed up to attend a similar meeting offered in California. He also mentioned that *Beanstack* will be a big help with online reading challenges, and Washoe is looking into the possibility of paying performers to do Facebook Live performances.

Nancy Schmidt - NVReads Nancy spoke about recent conversations with Nevada Humanities about the upcoming NVReads program. They are interested in expanding the program and anyone with ideas about ways to do that is encouraged to contact Nancy.

Tammy Westergard – 360 Video Tammy mentioned that as part of Phase 2 of the XR libraries project, the State Library has six 360 video cameras available for checkout to libraries or to teachers through a library. Videos that are created would be stored on the State Library's YouTube channel. Interested libraries should contact Tammy directly for more information.

Tod Colegrove – 3D printers in libraries The Carson City library is using their 3D printing capabilities to create faceshields, and Tammy demonstrated one they created for State Mail Services. Tod urged any libraries that have 3D printers and are interested in helping to create faceshields to contact him. Laser cutters can also be utilized to cut acrylic for the shields and speeds up the process enabling more to be created. Also, Formlabs Form 2 or 3 printers can be used to print swabs for Covid-19 test kits. Anyone interested should contact Tod.

Forrest Lewis – North Las Vegas City initiative – In response to the pandemic, the NLV City Council adopted a three-prong approach to deal with immediate needs, recovery, and business support. The library was asked to lead the third part by helping businesses, particularly small businesses, find resources they need. Library staff will contact all businesses in the city, and library employees will be brought back to work on this project.

David Ortlipp – reiterated the importance of support for businesses and spoke about the social impacts of the pandemic. He also commented that one of the byproducts of the pandemic is that people have been forced to find new ways to do things and that libraries should think about possible changes in the ways that people use libraries as a result.

Jeff Scott – Washoe has issued over 1,000 digital library cards, and the library has found a better rhythm this week.

Holly Esposito, Washoe County School District – Teachers and librarians spent the first week of school closure contacting all students to make sure they are OK and are getting the links and information they need. She also commented that there are so many tools and resources available that it is overwhelming.

Kathie Brinkerhoff – The Pershing County library has been helping get information out to people about free meals and where to pick them up.

Anna Brueher, Lyon County School District – Anna agreed with Holly's comment about the overwhelming number of resources currently available. She is trying to determine which free resources to offer now. She commented that it is a great time to try new resources, but what will they want to continue to offer once they have to pay for them. She also gave a shout-out to Lyon County public libraries for publicizing their wi-fi passwords and sharing them with the schools.

Guidelines for cleaning library materials – Holly Esposito asked if there are guidelines available for handling library materials as she has read contradictory information. Information is available on the State Library website <https://nsla.nv.gov/COVID19/librarians> In particular, the following sources: <https://www.ims.gov/webinars/mitigating-covid-19-when-managing-paper-based-circulating-and-other-types-collections>

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/how-to-sanitize-collections-covid-19/>

The State Library will continue to add sources to the website as they are vetted. Tod Colegrove mentioned that the Carson City library is staging returned materials before handling them. Library staff wear facemasks and gloves when removing materials from the bookdrops, and materials are then left on a cart in a closet for five days before being handled again.

Cyndi O – stated that the Nevada Library Cooperative is being proactive in protecting member libraries' budgets.

**Next meeting – next Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 am.**

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